

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stumpf at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at Town Offices. The meeting was audio taped but not live cablecast.

In attendance were Chairman S. Jon Stumpf-Y, John Barry-Y, Margaret (Peggy) Kruse-Y, Joanne Marden-Y, Paul Fortier-Y, Greg Serrao-Y, and Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y. Also present was Donna Walsh, Finance Director. Absent was Linn Anderson.

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Following discussion, and upon motion duly made by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Fortier, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the March 31st Meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Warrant Articles**Article 11G: Rescinding of Bond Authorizations**

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Serrao, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 11G. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 33: Overlay Surplus (Property Tax Revaluation) - \$31,800

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mr. Serrao, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 33 in the amount of \$31,800. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment to Joint Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Committee voted to adjourn to the Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen on the Third Floor Conference Room. The meeting adjourned to Third Floor Selectmen's Conference Room at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call - Chairman S. Jon Stumpf-Y, John Barry-Y, Margaret (Peggy) Kruse-Y, Joanne Marden-Y, Greg Serrao-Y, Paul Fortier-Y, and Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y. Motion passed 7-0.

Reconvene to Regular Session

Regular Session of the Finance Committee reconvened at 8:50 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room.

Article 40: Technology Hardware and Software - \$200,000

Discussion ensued, including the input from CIO Mr. Puzzanghera, and citizen Bob Marshall.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the overall technology plan lacked planning and strategy, and in light thereof,

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was voted to recommend disapproval of Article 40 in the amount of \$200,000. Motion passed 5-2, with Ms. Kruse and Ms. Marden opposing.

Article 47: Annual Computer Workstation and Laptop Replacement Program - \$360,000

Following discussion, notwithstanding the Committee's objection to the lack of accountability and transparency involved in the process of leasing 160 computers at the end of FY2013, and input from CIO Mr. Puzzanghera and citizen Marshall,

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Marden and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was voted to recommend approval of Article 47 amended in the amount of \$359,706, with \$256,074 from cable franchise fees and \$103,632 from taxation. Motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Stumpf opposing.

Article 55: Open Space Management - \$25,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Moffitt, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 55 in the amount of \$25,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 56: Transfer of Open Space Land Acquisition Bonding Appropriation - \$800,000

Following discussion on whether this authorization should be rescinded and begin again if future property comes under consideration, upon motion duly made by Ms. Moffitt and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was voted to recommend disapproval of Article 56 in the amount of \$800,000. Motion passed 6-1, with Ms. Kruse opposing.

Article 44: Water Storage Tank Transfer - \$37,862.97

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 44 in the amount of \$37,862.97. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 4 and Article 9B: Remain to be voted – Next Meeting Monday, April 7th

School Budget

Mr. Serrao narrated a timeline of his efforts dating back to July, 2014 to obtain relevant information from the School Department. His requests for information were in some cases partially answered, or not at all. At times he was given data that he himself had to reconcile. It was his feeling that without the concrete information he had requested, his only option was to support the Town Manager's recommended budget. Discussion ensued with regard to the specific significant information that was not provided.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Committee voted to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

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